

# LATEST NEWS OF SPORT IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

## YOUNG MR. THOMAS IS EXONERATED.

JURY CALLS THIEF'S BOY'S DEATH AN ACCIDENT.

Witnesses Testified that "White Ghost" Owner Did All He Could to Avoid Mishap.

Edward R. Thomas, whose "White Ghost" automobile ran down and killed seven-year-old Henry Thies last Thursday at One Hundred and Thirty-eight street and Convent avenue, was exonerated by a coroner's jury to-day.

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John N. Zwick, John Warren, John Healy and John McGivern, playmates of young Thies, testified that the automobile was running fast, but that Mr. Thomas blew the alarm horn and that the boy ran directly into the front of the machine.

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## GIRL BASKETBALL TEAMS STRANDED.

AT NEW HAVEN WITHOUT RAILROAD FARES.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 17.—Basketball teams of girls players are not good drawing cards in this way. If they were what is known as Prof. Hartwig's Brooklyn and New York Schoolgirls Basketball Teams would not now be stranded here without cash enough to pay railroad fares and hotel bills.

The situation is that the proprietor of the hotel at which the teams stopped ejected the girls because the professor said he was penniless and couldn't pay the bill. To make matters worse, the hotelkeeper attached the baggage of the girls.

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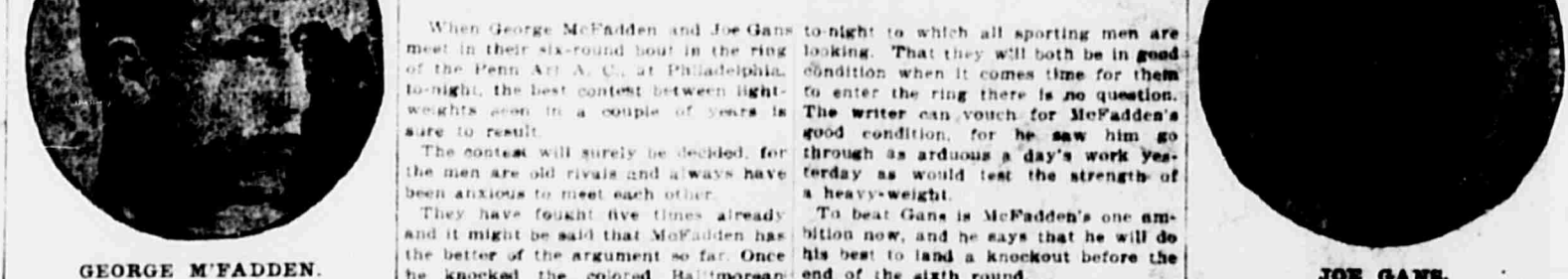
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## JOE GANS AND GEORGE M'FADDEN TO FIGHT SIX ROUNDS TO-NIGHT.

Light-Weight Battle in Philadelphia Will Be One of the Most Interesting of the Year.



GEORGE M'FADDEN.

When George M'Fadden and Joe Gans meet in their six-round bout in the ring of the Penn. A. C. at Philadelphia, to-night, the best contest between light-weights since a couple of years is sure to result.

The contest will surely be decided, for the men are old rivals and always have been anxious to meet each other.

They have fought five times already and it might be said that M'Fadden has the better of the argument so far. Once he knocked the colored Baltimorean out in twenty-three rounds and the next time they battled twenty-five rounds to a draw. The last meeting resulted in Gans getting the decision at the end of twenty-five rounds of fighting. The other bouts were of six and ten rounds duration each and were decided draws.

But all that is history. It is the affair to-night to which all sporting men are looking. That they will both be in good condition when it comes time for them to enter the ring there is no question. The writer can vouch for M'Fadden's good condition, for he saw him go through an arduous day's work yesterday as would test the strength of a heavy-weight.

To beat Gans is M'Fadden's one ambition now, and he says that he will do his best to land a knockout before the end of the sixth round.

"I will work from the sound of the bell, because a fellow has to do it in a bout of such short duration. I have only had since Tuesday to get on edge for the bout, but I'm always in good shape, and the hard work I have done has put me just right. If I don't win cleanly it will be because Gans is the better man."

Joe Gans, who is training here for his approaching encounter with Dave Sullivan before the Southern Athletic Club at Louisville on Washington a fourth day, began his last week of training here. The little fighter began yesterday by attending mass, after which he put on three solid hours of the hardest kind of work, consisting of a five-mile run, punching the bag, wrestling and boxing with his sparring partner.

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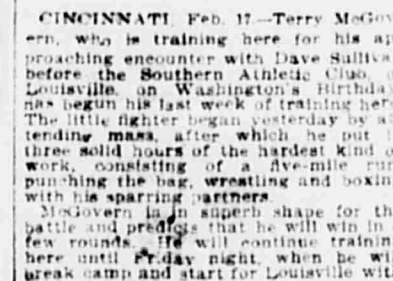
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## TERRY PREDICTS A SHORT FIGHT.

"I'LL BEAT SULLIVAN QUICKLY," SAYS BROOKLYNITE.



TERRY.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—Terry McGovern, who is training here for his approaching encounter with Dave Sullivan before the Southern Athletic Club at Louisville on Washington a fourth day, began his last week of training here.

The little fighter began yesterday by attending mass, after which he put on three solid hours of the hardest kind of work, consisting of a five-mile run, punching the bag, wrestling and boxing with his sparring partner.

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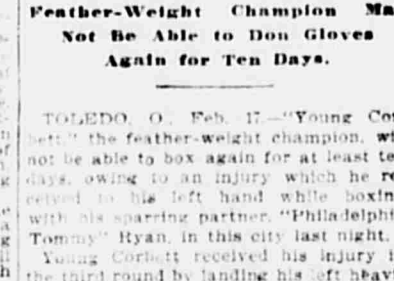
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## CORBETT KNOCKS OUT HIS HAND.

LANDED ON TOMMY RYAN'S HARD HEAD.



CORBETT.

Feather-Weight Champion May Not Be Able to Don Gloves Again for Ten Days.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 17.—Young Corbett, the feather-weight champion, will not be able to box again for at least ten days, owing to an injury which he received in his left hand while boxing with his sparring partner, "Philadelphia Tommy" Ryan, in this city last night.

Young Corbett received his injury in the third round by landing his left heavily on Ryan's head. A physician in the hand was badly sprained as a result of the blow and it will be at least ten days before he will be able to don the gloves again.

Corbett is training here for his approaching encounter with Dave Sullivan before the Southern Athletic Club at Louisville on Washington a fourth day, began his last week of training here.

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